

I'm writing about the upcoming Sinclair 'newscast' entitled 'Stolen Honor'.

I called the company to express my views, but was forwarded to a recorded message saying that any concerns about the 'newscast' entitled 'Stolen Honor' were premature, since it has not yet been taped and the exact nature of the content is not know.

It is known that the 'newscast' will be about John Kerry, that it is intended to imply that he is dishonorable; and that to do so two weeks before a national election is a blatant attempt to sway the election in his opponent's favor.

As an American, I am offended that an owner of a newstation can make up a 'newscast' two weeks before an election, preempt regular programming, and broadcast said 'newscast' to the public as actual news.

I am also concerned that individuals and individual corporations now have so much power over the media airwaves that they can maneuver to sway a national election. The airwaves are owned by the American public, and those that use those airwaves should be held responsible to the American people for maintaining our democratic traditions.

I urge you to restrain Sinclair from creating and broadcasting their 'newscast' before the election, or if they must show it, I suggest they be required to show an opposing point of view, such as the film 'Going Upriver: The Long War of John Kerry.'

I am trusting in you to act on the behalf of democracy.

Best regards,

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